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SUBJECT Almighty Latin Kings Nation

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SECTION NUMBER 1



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3/13/95

Director, FBI (66-HQ-19491)

SAC, New York (166E-NY-24405)

(Attention: SA [REDACTED])

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Enclosed is one copy of a memorandum signed on 3/8/95 by the Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Paul E. Coffey, signifying certification of actions requested as necessary for the conduct of the captioned operation.

The enclosed memorandum was executed in accordance with the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993, Public Law 102-395, dated October 6, 1992 and authorizes you, in this undercover operation (UCO), to:

1. Deposit FBI appropriated funds, furnished as direct funding to your office, or proceeds from this operation in banks or other financial institutions.

Upon completion of this operation, any excess funds should be promptly returned, under the above caption, to FBIHQ, pursuant to the policy stated in Section 11, Confidential Funding Guide.

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Enclosure

1 - Violent Crime and Major Offenders Section
(Attn: [REDACTED] Room 5064)

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(1 - Exemptions FY 1995 Tickler)

(1 - New York Admin. Tickler)

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Airtel to SAC, New York from Director, FBI
RE: Latin Kings

2. Use FBI appropriated funds to enter into various leases for space by: 1) allowing the FBI to enter into leases for periods extending beyond the current Fiscal Year; 2) extending authority to enter leases without including the lease clauses usually required in Government contracts; and 3) extending authority to enter into a lease which requires an advance payment.



U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: WILLIAM J. ESPOSITO
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: LATIN KINGS

This is in response to your memorandum to Paul E. Coffey, Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, dated March 8, 1995, concerning the New York Division's "Latin Kings". I have reviewed your certification that the particular exempted action described in the memorandum are necessary for the conduct of the covert activity to which they relate and that the activity is necessary for the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States.

Based on information furnished with your request, I am satisfied that it is designed to accomplish the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States. I also concur in certifying that the requested exemptions to deposit appropriated funds into banks or other financial institutions and to covertly lease space are necessary for the conduct of this task force.

The funds in question can only be expended on expenses relating directly to undercover activities of the task force. To the extent the task force has general expenses that do not relate to, or further undercover activities, the appropriated funds are not to be used.

8 Mar 95
Date

Paul E Coffey
Paul E. Coffey, Chief
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

March 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL E. COFFEY, CHIEF
ORGANIZED CRIME AND RACKETEERING SECTION

RE: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF
EXEMPTION REQUIRED FOR THE
UTILIZATION OF THE UNDERCOVER
TECHNIQUE

LATIN KINGS

In accordance with the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1993, Public Law 102-395, dated October 6, 1992, the following certification for exemptions are hereby requested to:

1. deposit appropriated funds in banks
or other financial institutions; and
2. use appropriated funds to lease space

in connection with the New York Division's task force regarding the "Latin Kings."

Latin Kings is a task force which will address fugitives wanted in connection with violent crimes including murder and assault matters in the New York City area. This task force will utilize undercover techniques in addition to other traditional investigative techniques to accomplish related objectives.

In order to properly conduct this task force, and for credibility and security purposes, the New York Division will require an exemption to deposit appropriated funds into a covert bank or other financial institutions to facilitate the payment of operational expenses and to use appropriated funds to covertly lease space.

Memorandum for the Chief,
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section
Re: Latin Kings

FBI Headquarters has determined that:

1. this task force is necessary for the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States;
2. the requested exemptions to deposit appropriated funds in banks or other financial institutions and to use appropriated funds to lease space are necessary for the conduct of the task force; and
3. no extraordinary risk of injury, loss of property, or civil liability is anticipated during the conduct of the task force.

I hereby certify that these exemptions are necessary for the conduct of the covert activity to which they relate, and that the covert activity is necessary for the detection and prosecution of crimes against the United States.

Respectfully,

William J. Esposito
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

NOTE: The Latin Kings case is investigating the violent crimes committed by this gang. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] must be leased covertly. If the subjects of the investigation are receptive, an undercover Agent will be introduced to them and a Group II UCO will be initiated. In order to effectively carry out the objectives of this case, and for credibility and security purposes, it will be necessary for the New York Division to deposit appropriated funds into a covert bank account and to use appropriated funds to covertly lease space.

This communication requests the necessary exemptions from DOJ.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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PASS: HQ FOR [REDACTED] CID/VCU. [REDACTED]

Task Force
SUBJECT: LATIN KINGS; ISTAR-VC; OO:NY.

REFERENCE TELCAL, ON 3/3/95, BETWEEN [REDACTED] FBIHQ,
AND SA [REDACTED] NYO.

IN REFERENCED TELCAL, SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

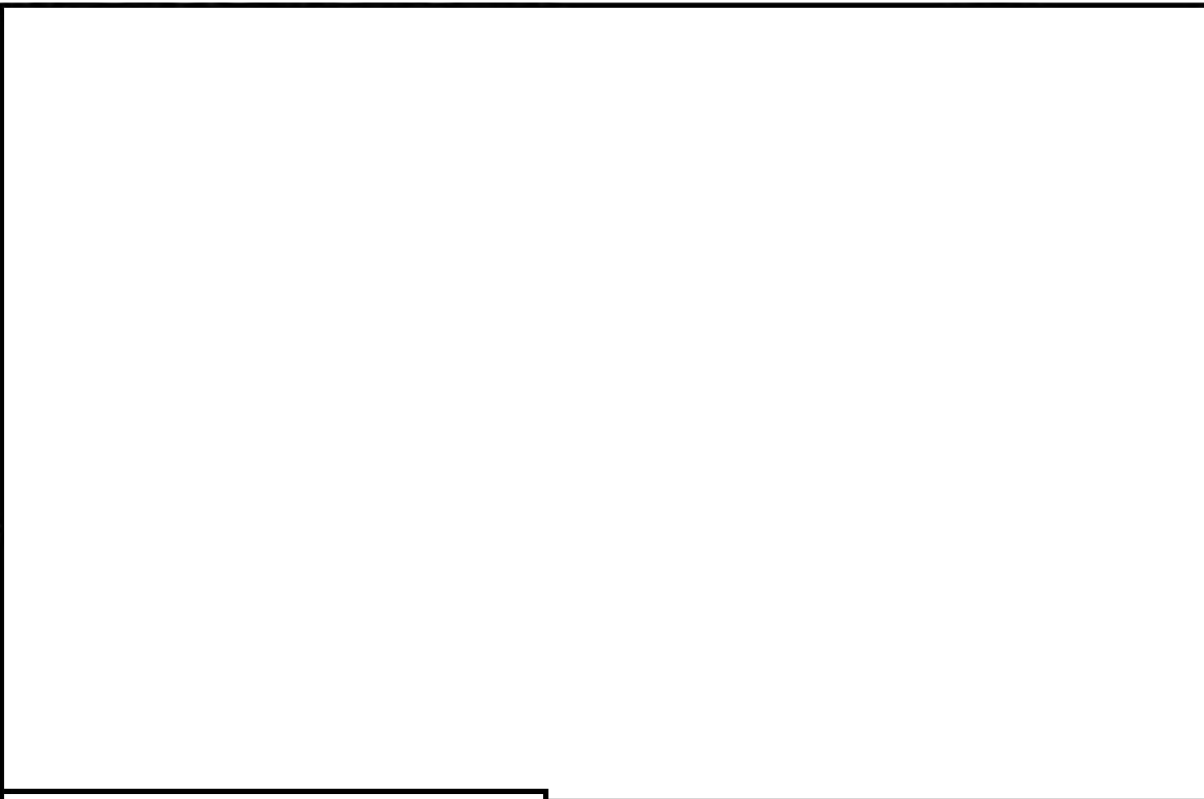
*3/7/95 SA [REDACTED] advised if the
subjects are receptive, a visit will be
introduced to the group and a Group II
ICO will be initiated.*

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[REDACTED] THIS LOCATION WILL ENABLE
MICROWAVE TRANSMISSION OF CCTV BROADCASTS DIRECTLY TO THE NYO
OFFICE FOR MONITORING. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE HAVING A
SURVEILLANCE TECH TRUCK WITHIN LINE OF SIGHT OF THE BUILDING
POSSIBLY COMPROMISING THE TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE. AUSA
RICHARD ZABEL, SDNY, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF EFFORTS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND DOES
NOT SEE ANY PROBLEMS PER SE WITH ENTRAPMENT. AUSA ZABEL WILL

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BE KEPT APPRISED OF ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DETECTED IN
CAPTIONED MATTER.

CONTACT WITH AGENTS IN THE NEW YORK OFFICE RESPONSIBLE
FOR COVERT RENTAL OF SPACE REVEALED THE NECESSITY FOR SECURING
A WAIVER FROM THE BUREAU FOR THE RENTAL OF SPACE. NEW YORK
SUBMITS AN EXPEDITED REQUEST FOR A WAIVER FROM THE BUREAU TO
EFFECT THE RENTAL REGARDING THE ABOVE
DESCRIBED SCENARIO.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 3/3/95

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TO : DIRECTOR FBI CID/VCU ATTN: [REDACTED]
FROM : DADIC, NEW YORK (166E-NY-244205)
SUBJECT : LATIN KINGS;
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Reference teletype dated 3/3/95.

In referenced teletype, New York advised of efforts to [REDACTED] In discussions with [REDACTED] he advised of the necessity for three estimates for rent before a waiver from the Bureau can be sought regarding rental of space.

The following are three estimates of rent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NYO office agents responsible for covert rental of space advised that they will effect the rental when the waiver is granted. It can be safely assumed that approximately [REDACTED] per month in case funds will be expended in securing the rental space.

AUSA Zabel, SDNY, advised that the trial in captioned matter scheduled for approximately August, 1995, will be the largest murder/rico trial ever undertaken by the FBI. FBI New York is attempting to expedite the above matter to avoid a second trial.

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1-NEW YORK

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